IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

MONDAY, THE 28TH MAY 2007 / 7TH JYAISHTA 1929

WP(C).No. 11141 of 2007(B)

PETITIONER:

ANNAMMA ANTONY, THEKKEDATH HOUSE,
KURAVILANGAD P.O., KOTTAYAM.

BY ADV. SRI.M.RAMESH CHANDER

RESPONDENTS:

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1. KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, VYDYUTHI BHAVAN,
PATTOM, TRIVANDRUM.

2. ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
ELECTRICAL MAJOR SECTION, KADUTHURUTHY P.O.,
KOTTAYAM.

3. THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER,
ELECTRICAL SECTION, KURAVILANGAD PO.,
KOTTAYAM.

BY SC SRI. JOSE J MATHEIKAL

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 28/05/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR,J.

W.P.C. NO. 11141 OF 2007

Dated this the 28th day of May, 2007

JUDGMENT

Heard counsel for the petitioner and standing counsel for KSEB. The demand under challenge is for the period when the electricity meter was not working. Billing is done based on average consumption for six months after replacement of meter. This is in accordance with Regulations. Therefore there is no scope for interfering with the disputed bill. However, having regard to the financial hardship expressed by the petitioner, petitioner is given four equal monthly instalments to clear the arrears without interest, which should be paid along with regular bi-monthly bills on due dates payable hereafter. If arrears are not paid along with regular bi-monthly bills immediately following, supply can be disconnected or coercive steps can be taken for recovery.

W.P. is disposed of as above.

(C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR)
Judge